

Clinton County Highway Committee

Minutes

May 15, 2024 7:30 a.m.

1. Mr. Ken Knolhoff called the meeting to order at 7:30
2. Attendance:

Ken Knolhoff	Committee Chairman
Mike Hilmes	Committee Member
Brad Knolhoff	County Board Chairman
Kurt Haselhorst	County Board Member
Dan Behrens	County Engineer
Brian Diekemper	County Maintenance Foreman
3. Mr. Knolhoff made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2024 meeting. Mr. Hilmes seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote.
4. Public Comment: None
5. Current maintenance operations were discussed.
6. Mr. Haselhorst discussed a request the Village of Damiansville has to install solar flashing beacons on the school crossing signs. He also relayed the Village's request for financial assistance for these lights. The Committee discussed why this location would be different than other school crossing locations in the county. The Committee discussed offering \$4,000 for the lights, because this school is directly adjacent to the County Highway. The Committee also noted that the Village should be responsible for the lights including all maintenance and future replacement costs. Mr. Behrens said that he would write up a permit for next month's meeting. Mr. Haselhorst also stated the Village of Damiansville was concerned about vehicles on Albers Road speeding by the intersection of Damiansville Road.
7. Mr. Behrens reported that the contractor on the Albers Road resurfacing project is still being delayed as they wait for railroad flaggers to become available. Their estimate is 90 days before the flaggers would be available. The County is unable to charge working days because the delay is outside of the Contractor's control.
8. Mr. Behrens told the Committee that C-Hill Contractors plans to start the Huey Road bridge project after the Memorial Day holiday.
9. The new dump trucks should be ready within the next month. Mr. Behrens said that they would like to finish chipping with the old trucks then offer them for sale. It was suggested the County should consider giving the townships the first chance of purchasing these prior to trying to sell them to the public.
10. Mr. Behrens stated that this fiscal year contains an extra pay period. He has spoken to the treasurer and apparently no one else caught this either when budgets were being figured last year. Ms. Trame said that she will make Fred Becker aware of the issue and will probably need to amend the budget for everyone.
11. Mr. Behrens gave the Committee the signed revised agreement with St. Rose for the sidewalk and storm sewer. Mr. Knolhoff made a motion to have this placed on the Board's agenda for approval. Mr. Hilmes seconded the motion. The motion passed.
12. The Committee discussed a question that the maintenance workers have regarding a boot allowance for newly hired employees. The Committee reviewed the Union contract and determined that this payment is only made one time per year in December; therefore, unless the union pursues this, an initial boot allowance will not be made for new employees prior the the annual one in December.

13. Mr. Behrens gave the Committee a resolution for IDOT's approval to reappoint Mr. Behrens. His term ends this August and the statutes require the County pass a resolution requesting IDOT's approval before reappointing the existing county engineer. Mr. Knolhoff made a motion to have this placed on the Board's agenda for approval. Mr. Himes seconded the motion. The motion passed.
14. Mr. Behrens reported they are waiting for dry weather to repair the piles on East Fork Township's bridge on Shattuc Road.
15. The Committee approved the current bills.
16. Mr. Hilmes made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Knolhoff seconded the motion.